

# **IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday September 17th 2006**

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## **Louis Fleming EI5EC, Silent Key**

It is with deep regret that we learned of the passing of Louis Fleming EI5EC on Tuesday the 12th of September last. The funeral took place on Thursday morning the 14th of September after 11.30 a.m. mass. We offer our sympathy to his Family.

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## **Mayo Rally**

The Mayo Rally will take place on Sunday the 26th of November 11:00 a.m. in the Belmont Hotel, Knock. Special rates are available for those wishing to stay overnight. Bed and Breakfast is 50 Euro per person sharing or 70 Euro with evening meal.

For bookings, contact the Belmont Hotel directly on 094-9388122. For enquiries about the Mayo rally, contact the rally organiser: Padaric Baynes EI9JA on 087-6957154 or email "pbaynes1 at eircom dot net".

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## **Mayo AGM**

The ninth AGM of the Mayo Radio Experimenters Network will be held in Stensons of Ballyvary (on the N5) on Wednesday October the 4th at 9 p.m. The group will be looking for a new Chairperson; Jimmy Kelly EI2GCB, having served the maximum three-year term will be standing down. In February 2007 the Mayo Radio Experimenters Network will be ten years old and plans are underway to mark the event. At the October meeting good wishes for a speedy recovery were extended to Michael Clarke EI3IG and Willie Long EI6AI - both of whom were ill recently.

Several members of the MREN travelled to the Leicester Rally in the UK Midlands, enjoying the fine weather and car racing at Donnington Park as added attractions.

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## **Mid Ulster Amateur Radio Club**

The Mid Ulster Amateur Radio Club held its Annual General Meeting at the Kinnego Marina on the 10th of September. The election of officer's was chaired by Peter MI5JYK regional manager for the RSGB. The result's were as follows;

The Chairman is John GI0KUH, Secretary is Stephen MI3SEO and Assistant Secretary is Kevan MI3LZV. The Treasurer is Danny GI4NKD and David MI3IRZ is the assistant Treasure. The AGM was well attended and the Mid Ulster Amateur Radio Club would like to thank all the members for there support.

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## **Theory Classes**

Classes in Waterford will commence on Tuesday the 26th of September at 7.30 p.m. in the Roanmore Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford.

Classes are continuing with SDR every Tuesday between 8.00 p.m. and 10.00 p.m. in the Marian Community Centre, Marian Road, Tempelogue.

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## **Theory and Mentors**

The Society is running a series of advertisements in various publications, including Buy and Sell, over the next month. Members of the public interested in finding out more about Amateur Radio and the license exam are invited to contact the Society. Many of the inquiries will relate to exam courses. We would be grateful if clubs running, or intending to run, exam classes would contact Sean EI7CD or Paul EI2CA with details.

No doubt we will have inquiries from individuals in locations where there are no classes available. In these cases we would like to assign 'mentors' who can encourage and support those studying for the exam. With the new Course Guide available on CD for the student, the role of the mentor is really 'non technical' and within the capability of any licensed operator. In addition IRTS will provide a support service to mentors and indeed those running courses where this is requested. If you receive a request from the Society over the next few weeks to act as a mentor, please consider it seriously. You will be performing an important service, not just to the individual student, but also to the Society and amateur radio in general.

Once again we would ask Clubs to send us details of possible classes being formed for the coming session.

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## **6 Metre IOTA Award**

Dave, EI3IO has been informed by the RSGB IOTA checkpoint that he has qualified for the first VHF (6 metre) IOTA award to a station in the West European Isles (Anglo-Celtic Isles) with 100 island references. These comprise 59 island references from Europe, 10 from Africa, 5 from Asia, 20 from North America, 1 from Oceania and 5 from South America.

One of Dave's cards was rejected as an illegal 6 metre operation. This was for EU-187, Gavdos Island, which was an Italian expedition to SV9 prior to the 12th of May 2006 when for the first time non Greek, CEPT Class 1 licensees were authorised to use 4 and 6 metres in Greece. Dave's current worked island total on 6 metres is 108. The IOTA VHF award has similar rules to the HF award; however the qualification requirements are slightly lower, in that at least 1 contact should be made with each of 5 continents. Further IOTA information is available at [www.rsgbiota.org](http://www.rsgbiota.org)

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### **Jamboree On The Air**

The 49th JOTA will take place during the weekend of the 21st and 22nd of October 2006. Each year over 500,000 Scouts and Guides from all over the world participate in this event where Scouting experiences are shared and ideas exchanged thus contributing to the world brotherhood of Scouting. While the event lasts from midnight local time Friday night to midnight Sunday night, Stations participating can choose their own operating hours.

Further information including training material can be obtained from Sean EI3IP, Scouting Ireland National JOTA Organiser by emailing [jota@scouts.ie](mailto:jota@scouts.ie). Training material can be downloaded from the Scouting Ireland Radio Scouting Web page at [www.scouts.ie/international/jota](http://www.scouts.ie/international/jota) Details of participating Groups will follow.

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Items for inclusion in next weeks Radio News should be forwarded to Mark Wall, EI7IS at QTHR or by phone to 051-853806 or 087-6302026. Items for the radio news can also be faxed to 087 5 6302026. News should be submitted via e-mail to “news@irts.ie” for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Friday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sundays bulletin.

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